

**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

1. (Previously Presented) A composition comprising a pharmaceutically acceptable carrier and an active agent complexed with glycyrrhizin, wherein the active agent contains at least one nitrogen-containing moiety, and wherein the composition is substantially free of uncomplexed active agent.
  
2. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the glycyrrhizin is a selected from the group consisting of glycyrrhizin acid and its biologically acceptable salts.
  
3. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the glycyrrhizinic acid is an 18-alpha glycyrrhizinic acid or 18-beta-glycyrrhizinic acid.
  
4. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the glycyrrhizinic acid is ionically complexed with the active agent.
  
5. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the active agent is famotidine.
  
6. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the active agent is buspirone.
  
7. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the active agent is sildenafil.
  
8. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the active is caffeine.

9. (Withdrawn) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the active agent is loratadine.
10. (Original) The composition according to claim 2, wherein the mole ratio of glycyrrhizinic acid to active agent is 1 : 1 to 1 : 3.
11. (Original) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the mole ratio of glycyrrhizin to active agent is 1: 1 to 1 : 3.
12. (Previously Presented) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the nitrogen containing moiety is one or more of an acyclic or heterocyclic amine, amide, imine, imide and nitrile.
13. (Currently Amended) The composition according to claim 1, wherein the active agent comprises abortifacients, ACE inhibitors, adrenocorticotropic hormones,  $\alpha$ -adrenergic agonists,  $\alpha$ -adrenergic blockers,  $\alpha$ -glucosidase inhibitors, anabolic steroids, narcotic analgesics, non-narcotic analgesics, anorexics, anthelmintics, antiallergics, antialopeicals, antiamebics, antianginals, antiarrhythmics, antiarthritics, antiasthmatics, antibiotics, anticholinergics, anticonvulsants, antidepressants, antidiabetics, antidiarrheals, antidotes, antidyskinetics, antiemetics, antiestrogens, antifungals, antiglaucoma agents, antigout agents, antihistaminics, antihypertensives, nonsteroidal antiinflammatories, antimalarials, antimigraines, antineoplastics, antiparkinsonians, antipheochromocytoma agents, antipneumocystis agents, antiprostatic hyperplasia agent agents, antiprotozoals, antipruritics, antipsoriatics, antipsychotics, antipyretics, antirickettsials, antispasmodics, antithrombocytemics, antithrombotics, antitussives, antiulceratives, antivirals, anxiolytics, aromatase inhibitors, benzodiazepine antagonists,  $\beta$ -adrenergic antagonists,  $\beta$ -adrenergic blockers, bradycardic agents, bronchodilators, calcium channel blockers, carbonic anhydrase inhibitors, cardiotonics, cholagogics, cholinergics, cholinesterase inhibitors,

cholinesterase reactivators, CNS stimulants, cytoprotectants, decongestants, diuretics, dopamine receptor agonists, dopamine receptor antagonists, ectoparasiticides, emetics, expectorants, fibrinogen receptor antagonists, gastric secretion inhibitors, gastroprokinetics, hemostatics, histamine H<sub>2</sub> receptor antagonists, immunomodulators, immunosuppressants, keratolytics, MAO inhibitors, mucolytics, muscle relaxants, mydriatics, narcotic antagonists, nootropics, oxytocics, potassium channel activators, respiratory stimulants, sedatives, hypnotics, serenics, serotonin receptor agonists, serotonin receptor antagonists, serotonin uptake inhibitors, thrombolytics, tocolytics, vasodilators, and vasoprotectants.

14. (Original) A pharmaceutical dosage form comprising the composition of claim 1.

15. (Original) The dosage form of claim 14, wherein the dosage form is selected from the group consisting of a reconstituted powder, a soluble, and edible film sachet, a liquid for oral or parenteral administration, an effervescent tablet, a chewable tablet, a mucosal surface-coating hydrocolloid film, a fast dissolving intraoral wafer, a troche, a lozenge, a nasal spray, a powder for inhalation, a mucoadhesive device for buccal, rectal or vaginal administration, a controlled release tablet and a capsule containing enteric microcapsules.

16. (Original) The dosage form of claim 14, wherein the dosage form further comprises at least one reagent selected from the group consisting of a water soluble polymer, a water insoluble polymer, an emulsifier, a plasticizer, a taste modifier, a coloring agent, a preservative, a permeation enhancer, a stabilizer, an inert filler, a binder, a thickening agent, a buffering agent, a lipid vehicle, a metabolism inhibitor and a glidant.

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